

Aquifer Exemptions in CA – Projection of Actions and Upcoming Submittals

To date, EPA has approved 21 compliance Aquifer Exemption requests submitted by the State (see summary on reverse). Below is a summary of current proposals under review and the projection of upcoming submittals for EPA action.

Formally submitted to EPA

Lynch Canyon – Lanigan Sand (Northern District, Monterey County)

Sespe (Northern District, Ventura County)

Upcoming submittals (public notice/hearing complete):

Cat Canyon (Northern District, Santa Barbara County); conduit analysis underway (projected completion of analysis – August 2022)

In public notice (received preliminary concurrence from the State Board):

Holser (Northern District, Ventura County); conduit analysis completed; no issues (Public hearing scheduled March 29, 2022)

Lompoc (Northern District, Santa Barbara County); no conduit analysis required (Public hearing scheduled April 12, 2022)

Other expected compliance submittals:

The State is processing 3 additional AE proposals for fields where there is ongoing injection into non-exempt aquifers; timing of submittals for the following fields/formations is uncertain. However, the State is working on conduit analyses for these proposals.

Kern River (Inland District, Kern County); conduit analysis underway (projected completion of analysis – May 2022)

Midway-Sunset – Tulare (Inland District, Kern County); conduit analysis underway (projected completion of analysis – July 2022)

Mount Poso – Dorsey Area (Inland District, Kern County); conduit analysis completed; expect State to issue cease injection letter to operator; AE process will continue but not a compliance issue.

Approved Aquifer Exemption Requests in California

FY17 – 2 nd Quarter (3 approved)	Tejon; Round Mountain; Fruitvale
FY17 – 3 rd Quarter (1)	Mount Poso
FY17 – 4 th Quarter (2)	Kern Front (Vedder); Jasmin
FY18 – 2 nd Quarter (2)	Elk Hills, Phase 1; Elk Hills, Phase 2
FY18 – 3 rd Quarter (1)	Poso Creek
FY18 – 4 th Quarter (3)	Kern Front (Upper Chanac); Cymric; McKittrick
FY19 – 1 st Quarter (1)	San Ardo/McCool Ranch
FY19 – 3 rd Quarter (6)	Arroyo Grande; Edison, Phase 1; Lost Hills; Midway-Sunset; North Belridge; Edison, Phase 2
FY20 – 2 nd Quarter (1)	South Belridge (Western Expansion Area)
FY21 – 2 nd Quarter (1)	Jacalitos-Coalinga